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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, characterized in that the average tilt angle θ_{ave} in said O plate retarder is from 2 to 88°.
5. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, characterized in that the tilt angle in said O plate retarder varies monotonuously in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the film from a minimum value θ_{min} at one surface of the film to a maximum value θ_{max} at the opposite surface of the film.
7. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 5, characterized in that θ_{max} is from 10 to 90°.

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